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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

February 2, 2004

In re Application of: Mark E. Poole
Serial No. 09/818,470
Filed: March 28, 2001
For: APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING AND SEALING DUCT
SECTIONS
Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody
Art Unit: 3679
Confirmation Number: 9560
Attorney Docket No.: SFI-1

OFFICIAL**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF
PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

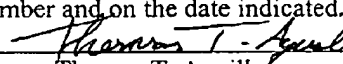
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE
ACCOMPANIED BY FEE**

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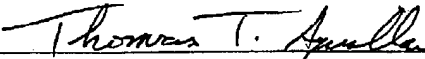
Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time to respond to the Office Action dated October 23, 2003, for one (1) month, from January 23, 2004, to February 23, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$55.00 for the Extension of Time, and any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0910.

Respectfully submitted:

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION	
FACSIMILE NO: <u>703-872-9306</u>	DATE: <u>2/2/2004</u>
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, to the facsimile number and on the date indicated above.	
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Date: 2/2/2004


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